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1. CONFIDENTIAL--ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY. PRESIDENT ZIA'S FARSE CRITICISM OF THE
SOVIETS WHILE ADDRESSING TRIBAL JINGAS IN THE NWFP
CONTINUES TO RECEIVE MEDIA ATTENTION IN PAKISTAN.
SEE MOST RECENT ARTICLE BY "THE NATION" ATTORNEYS
SEE ALSO RECENT ARTICLE BY "THE NATION" ATTORNEYS
SOVIET DISPARAGING PITH ZIA'S REMARKS.

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END SUMMARY.

- BACKGROUND

2. THE "FRONTIER POST" REPORTED ZIA'S REMARKS TO
TRIBAL JINGAS IN SOUTH WAZIRISTAN (NOVEMBER 18) AND
TANJIKOT (NOVEMBER 19) AS ACCUSING THE SOVIET UNION
OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR BOMBINGS IN PAKISTAN IN AN
EFFORT TO DESTABILIZE PAKISTAN. ZIA REPORTEDLY
REFERRED TO THE SOVIETS AS THE ENEMY. HE ALSO
REFERRED TO THE SOVIET ATTEMPT TO CREATE A SOCIALIST
REGIME IN AFGHANISTAN AS A THREAT TO PAKISTAN.
COMMITTED MUSLIMS, HE SAID, WOULD NEVER ALLOW IT. HE
CALLED UNCONDITIONALLY ON THE SOVIETS TO LEAVE

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4. COMMENT. PER REF (A), EMBASSY IS ATTEMPTING TO
OBTAIN TEXT OF PRESIDENT ZIA'S REMARKS. WE HAVE
BEEN UNABLE TO DO SO. POST BELIEVES HE WAS SPEAKING
TEMPORARILY, AND THAT A TEXT MAY NOT BE
AVAILABLE. WE CONTINUE TO APPROACH MFA OFFICIALS,
WHO TO DATE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO PROVIDE MORE
DETAILS. END COMMENT.

- REPORTED SOVIET REACTION TO REMARKS

5. THE MOST RECENT COVERAGE OF THIS ISSUE SUBJECT IS
A NOVEMBER 2 ARTICLE THAT APPEARED ON THE FRONT PAGE
OF MOSCOW'S ENGLISH-LANGUAGE DAILY "THE NATION". THE
ARTICLE CLAIMED THAT THE SOVIET UNION TOOK SERIOUS THE
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NOTE OF ZIA'S STATEMENTS AND SAID THAT SOVIET
AMBASSADOR TO PAKISTAN VEZIROV HAD CHARACTERIZED
ZIA'S REMARKS AS HOSTILE IN A DEMARCH TO THE MFA.
ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, THE PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR TO
THE SOVIET UNION HAD BEEN GIVEN A SIMILAR MESSAGE.
6. "THE NATION" ALSO MENTIONED SOVIET UNEASINESS
WITH PAKISTAN'S OPPOSITION TO SOVIET AMENDMENTS TO
THE AFGHANISTAN RESOLUTION AT THE UNCA. IT ALSO

REPORTED THAT THE "MOSCOW NEWS" HAD DENIED PRECENT
REPORTS IN THE PAKISTANI PRESS THAT THE USSR HAD
OFFERED PAKISTAN \$4 BILLION IN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO
MATCH THE U.S. AID PACKAGE.

7. THE ARTICLE STATED THAT, AS THE RESULT OF THESE
DEVELOPMENTS, VORONSTOV'S PLANNED VISIT TO ISLAMABAD
HAD BEEN DELAYED. IT IMPLIED THAT A PLANNED VISIT TO
MOSCOW BY PAKISTAN'S MINISTER FOR COMMERCE, PLANNING
AND DEVELOPMENT DR. YAFROOZ-UL-HAQ HAD BEEN SIMILARLY
POSTPONED. REPORTEDLY, AMB. VEZIROV TOLD THE GOP
THAT SOME PROGRESS ON THE AFGHANISTAN ISSUE WAS A
CONDITION OF THE MINISTER'S TRIP

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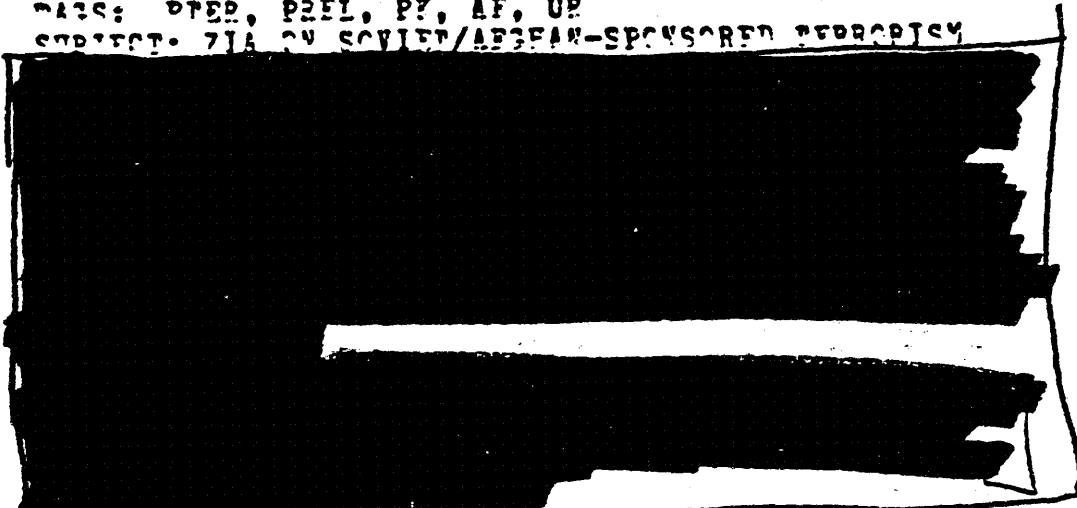
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